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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 09/936,095 Confirmation No. 9297  
Applicant : Stemple, *et al.*  
Filed : June 6, 2002  
TC/A.U. : 1637  
Examiner : Teresa E. Strzelecka  
Docket No. : 18921-001 NATL  
Customer No. : 35437  
For : **METHOD FOR DIRECT NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 12, 2006 in the above-identified application. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), the time for response is extended until January 12, 2007. A check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311** Reference Number **18921-001 NATL**. Please address all correspondence to Customer Number **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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